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DWS meets stakeholders on Mzimvubu Water Project

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Eastern has been hard at work to ensure that all stakeholders who have an interest and affected by Mzimvubu Water Project are kept on the loop about the progress of the project.

Recently, a Project Liaison Committee was briefed at Sqhungqwini Junior Secondary School by the Project Manager about the progress of the ongoing construction of Phase 1 which start at the beginning of February 2021. Phase 1 of the project entails the construction of access road that will pave way for the construction of the entire project. The committee was also taken to the site where the Mzimvubu water project offices will be situated.

The Mzimvubu Water Project's Project Manager, Mr Ayanda Shumane, outlined how far the Department has gone since February.

"Pegs have been put up to mark where the access road will run. The households that will be affected can now be easily identified. The plant has arrived at the site office. Fencing is underway to secure the site office", he said.

He added that so far, a total of 20 unskilled and skilled people have been employed and started working, indicating that the next intake will be on 1 April 2021. Furthermore, he said that eight more people will be employed to bring the total of unskilled labourers to 28.

Meanwhile, the DWS Acting Provincial Head in Eastern Cape, Ms Amanda Sizani emphasised that families that will be affected by phase one of the project need to be consulted as a matter of urgency to ensure that they are kept abreast about how the project will affect them.

"I appeal to all the traditional leaders in this forum to prepare all their questions on land matters before the next meeting with the land specialist", said Sizani.

Chief Zanothando Mabandla appealed to the Department of Water and Sanitation officials to work with the Traditional Council and share information about the project and in that way, people will be empowered and have a better understanding.





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